

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A composition consisting essentially of:
a polyolefin prepared by the metathesis of an olefin monomer using a ruthenium or osmium carbene catalyst; and
one or more toughness and/or hardness modulators, the one or more toughness and/or hardness modulator comprising a silicone.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polyolefin is poly-DCPD.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Amended) The composition of claim 3 1, wherein the silicone is polysiloxane.
5. (Amended) The composition of claim 4 1, wherein the polysiloxane is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) or a poly(diphenylsiloxane).
6. (Original) The composition of claim 2 wherein the one or more toughness modulators is present in an amount between about 0.1% and about 20% by weight of the olefin monomer.
7. (Original) The composition of claim 6 wherein the one or more toughness modulators is present in an amount between about 0.5% and about 10% by weight of the olefin monomer.
8. (Original) The composition of claim 7 wherein the one or more toughness modulators is present in an amount between about 1% and about 5% by weight of the olefin monomer.
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Cancelled)
12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)
14. (Cancelled)
15. (Cancelled)
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Cancelled)
18. (Twice Amended) ~~An article of manufacture~~ A golf club head consisting essentially of:
a polyolefin prepared by the metathesis of an olefin monomer using a ruthenium or osmium carbene catalyst; and
one or more toughness and/or hardness modulators.
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Amended) The ~~article of manufacture~~ golf club head of claim 19 18 wherein the polyolefin is poly-DCPD.
21. (Cancelled)
22. (Cancelled)
23. (Cancelled)
24. (Cancelled)
25. (Twice Amended) A process for preparing a composition having hardness or toughness properties consisting essentially of contacting a cyclic olefin with a ruthenium or osmium carbene catalyst and one or more hardness and/or toughness modulators, the one or more toughness and/or hardness modulator comprising a silicone.
26. (Cancelled)
27. (Cancelled)
28. (Amended) The process of claim 27 25 wherein the silicone is a polysiloxane.

29. (Original) The process of claim 28 wherein the polysiloxane is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) or a poly(diphenylsiloxane).
30. (Original) The composition of claim 26 wherein the one or more toughness modulators is present in an amount between about 0.1% and about 20% by weight of the olefin monomer.
31. (Original) The composition of claim 30 wherein the one or more toughness modulators is present in an amount between about 0.5% and about 10% by weight of the olefin monomer.
32. (Original) The composition of claim 31 wherein the one or more toughness modulators is present in an amount between about 1% and about 5% by weight of the olefin monomer.
33. (Cancelled)
34. (Previously Amended) A composition comprising:
a polyolefin prepared by the metathesis of an olefin monomer using a ruthenium or osmium carbene catalyst; and one or more toughness modulators; wherein the olefin monomer is a dicyclopentadiene and the one or more toughness modulators is poly(dimethylsiloxane) or poly(diphenylsiloxane).
35. (Original) The process of claim 25 wherein the cyclic olefin is dicyclopentadiene.
36. (Original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the olefin monomer is dicyclopentadiene.
37. (Original) A composition comprising:
a polyolefin prepared by the metathesis of an olefin monomer using a ruthenium or osmium carbene catalyst; and
one or more toughness and/or hardness modulators, wherein the one or more toughness modulators comprises a silicone.

38. (Original) The composition of claim 37, wherein the silicone is a polysiloxane.
39. (Original) The composition of claim 38, wherein the polysiloxane is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) or a poly(diphenylsiloxane).
40. (Original) An article of manufacture comprising:
a polyolefin prepared by the metathesis of an olefin monomer using a ruthenium or osmium carbene catalyst; and
one or more toughness and/or hardness modulators,
wherein the polyolefin is poly-DCPD, and wherein the article is a molded part selected from the group consisting of a golf club head and a golf club shaft.
41. (Original) A process for preparing a composition having hardness or toughness properties comprising contacting a cyclic olefin with a ruthenium or osmium carbene catalyst and one or more hardness and/or toughness modulators, wherein the one or more toughness modulators comprises a silicone.
42. (Original) The process of claim 41, wherein the silicone is a polysiloxane.
43. (Original) The process of claim 42, wherein the polysiloxane is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) or a poly(diphenylsiloxane).
44. (Original) A golf club shaft consisting essentially of:
a polyolefin prepared by the metathesis of an olefin monomer using a ruthenium or osmium carbene catalyst; and
one or more toughness and/or hardness modulators.